



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK

- WHEREAS: Each year, the possibility of hurricane events and ensuing high winds, tornadoes, lightning, thunderstorms, flooding and hailstorms pose potential threats to the life, health and property of Georgia citizens; and
- WHEREAS: Continued population growth in Georgia, especially in coastal cities, towns and communities, increases the potential for hurricane-related injuries and property damage; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia experienced two hurricane events in 2016 – Hurricane Hermine and Hurricane Matthew – each of which had a significant impact on affected areas. Previous hurricane events in Georgia have caused numerous fatalities, serious injuries and substantial property damage across the state; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia recognizes the local, state and federal departments, agencies and officials, as well as the volunteers, private sector organizations and members of the news media who are dedicated to providing citizens with information on safety and preparedness procedures so that they may better protect themselves, their families and their homes during hurricanes; and
- WHEREAS: In 2008, the State of Georgia launched Ready Georgia, a public preparedness campaign to help Georgia citizens understand the importance of emergency preparedness and provide them with the tools necessary to address emergency situations. During Hurricane Preparedness Week, all Georgia citizens are encouraged to educate themselves and others on hurricane safety measures and participate in preparedness programs to increase awareness of safety procedures; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 7–13, 2017, as HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF